



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GERALD (WAYNE) TALCOTT

Col Talcott is currently the Chair, Department of Behavioral Medicine at Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio TX. He is responsible for program development, and policy implementation for patient care at the largest behavioral health department in the Air Force. Additionally, he is responsible for the development of Air Force mental health deployment tactics, techniques, and procedures.

Col Talcott received his Ph.D. in 1984 in Psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He completed his Clinical Psychology Residency at the USAF Medical Center Wright-Patterson AFB and he completed a clinical fellowship in Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX. He has had adjunct appointments as a Clinical Assistant Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas-Health Science Center at San Antonio and in the Department of Psychology at the University of Memphis. He is the first Air Force board certified Health Psychologist. Col Talcott has served as an Air Force Psychologist at Homestead AFB, FL and Kadena AFB, JP, where he worked as a general practitioner and as a consultant to Air Force and Navy Security Groups. He served at Wilford Hall Medical Center as director of the Clinical Health Psychology postdoctoral training program and in 1997 was assigned to the Air Force Surgeon General's office at Bolling AFB, DC as the Chief, Substance Abuse Prevention and later as the Program Director for the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program. An active researcher, he currently has over 50 peer-reviewed publications. In 1993, he served as the Military Project Director for the largest Air Force tobacco cessation project involving over 35,000 recruits at Air Force Basic Training. He is currently a Co-principal investigator on a NIMH grant focused on the application of policy, programs and practices aimed at reducing suicides in the Air Force and a Co-principal investigator on a NIH grant aimed at helping military personnel quit smoking through the use of quit lines.



EDUCATION

1975 Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
1977 Masters of Science in Psychology, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
1984 Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri
1989 Fellowship, Clinical Health Psychology – Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas
1989 Squadron Officers School (correspondence)
1992 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
1997 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1982 – September 1983, Intern, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2. October 1983 – September 1985, Staff Psychologist, Homestead AFB, FL
3. October 1985 – October 1988, Chief, Psychological Services, Kadena AB, JP
4. November 1988 – October 1989, Fellow, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX
5. November 1989 – December 1997, Chief, Behavioral Health Psychology, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX
6. January 1998 – September 2001, Chief, Substance Abuse Prevention, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Bolling AFB, DC

7. October 2001 – July 2006 Chief, Community Prevention Division, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Office of the Surgeon General
8. July 2006 – current, Commander, 59th MDOS, Lackland AFB, TX

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
Air Force Longevity Service with five Oak Leaf Clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)
Air Force Training Ribbon
Psychologist of the Year for Air Education and Training Command (1993)
Psychologist of the Year for the Air Force (1993)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain July 27, 1982
Major January 1, 1990
Lt Colonel April 1, 1996
Colonel January 1, 2002

(Current as of 8 March 2010)